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House Resolution No. 3425

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who are willing to intervene in life-threatening situations in order to assist others; and

Whereas, Harold T. "Harry" Schumer of Biehle, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a member of the fire rescue unit at Station 4 in nearby Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and

Whereas, on April 24, 2008, Harry Schumer enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was traveling on Interstate 55 while in an off-duty status; and

Whereas, Master Firefighter Harry Schumer came across a one-vehicle accident in which a 2002 Dodge Dakota had a front tire blowout that resulted in the vehicle traveling off the east side of the roadway, overturning in a concrete ditch, and catching fire; and

Whereas, two volunteer firefighters from Illinois and a passing truck driver had already stopped to rescue the injured driver, but were unable to open the passenger door in order to get the person safely out of the vehicle; and

Whereas, Harry Schumer crawled under the burning vehicle, smashed the broken windshield with his bare hands, and began pulling the glass apart; and

Whereas, after Harry Schumer had succeeded in clearing a path out of the vehicle, the other rescuers where able to drag the victim out of the truck to safety; and

Whereas, the astute decisions and steadfast perseverance demonstrated by Harry Schumer undoubtedly saved the life of the accident victim, who suffered only a sprained back and neck during the ordeal:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the heroic actions of Harry Schumer and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Harold T. "Harry" Schumer of Biehle, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative Scott A. Lipke

District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3425, adopted June 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton,	Speaker		